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Jeff R. Derouen Executive Director Public Service Commission 211 Sower Boulevard P.O. Box 615 Frankfort, KY 40602-0615

RE: P.S.C. Case No. 2009-00459

Dear Mr. Derouen:

Enclosed please find and accept for filing the original and ten copies of Kentucky Power Company's 2011 Distribution Vegetation Management Plan. The Plan is being filed in compliance with paragraph 5(c)(i) of the May 19, 2010 Unanimous Settlement Agreement in the above case.

Copies of the plan are being served on all parties to the above case. A courtesy copy also is being served on the limited intervenor.

Mark R. Overstreet

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cc: Parties Of Record And Limited Intervenor As Shown On The Attached Service List

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the Kentucky Power Company's 2011 Distribution Vegetation Management Plan was served upon the following by first class mail, postage prepaid on the 30th day of September, 2010:

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Kentucky Power Company 2011 Distribution Vegetation Management Plan

Overview

On March 31, 2010, Kentucky Power Company filed its 2010 Distribution Vegetation Management Plan with the Public Service Commission. In the original 2010 Distribution Vegetation Management Plan, the Company projected undertaking distribution vegetation management work to maintain 872 miles of distribution lines at an estimated O&M cost of \$6.5M. In the 2011 Plan which is attached as **EXHIBIT 1** to this Plan, the Company projects to maintain 2,295 miles of distribution lines at an estimated \$17.2 million.

Table 1 below compares the work to be performed and operation and maintenance expenditures to be made under the 2011 Distribution Vegetation Management Plan and the 2010 plan as originally filed.

Table 1

District	Distribu	Miles of tion Line aintained	to be S (Include	d Acres Sprayed d in Miles intained)	Vege Mana	stribution tation gement penditures
Year→	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
Hazard	333	1,022	854	1,062	\$2,230,528	\$6,012,155
Pikeville	360	833	630	619	\$2,495,953	\$7,237,098
Ashland	179	440	320	325	\$1,773,519	\$3,950,747
Totals	872	2,295	1,804	2,006	\$6,500,000	\$17,200,000

Under the Unanimous Settlement Agreement, Kentucky Power agreed to maintain the test-year level of Distribution Vegetation Management O&M expenditures. In addition, under the Unanimous Settlement Agreement, Kentucky Power is to receive and is required to spend an additional \$10 million annually for Distribution Vegetation Management. As shown above, Kentucky Power's annual Distribution Vegetation Management expenditures are expected to be \$17.2 million Kentucky Power is on schedule to complete the work described in its May 20, 2010 revised Distribution Vegetation Management Plan.

¹ On May 20, 2010, in accordance with paragraph 5(c) of the Unanimous Settlement Agreement, Kentucky Power filed a revised Distribution Vegetation Management Plan for the six months ended December 31, 2010.

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A circuit-by-circuit description of the proposed Distribution Vegetation management work plan for 2011, along with the associated O&M expenditures, is provided as **EXHIBIT 2** to this Plan. **EXHIBIT 3** to the Plan sets out by District the projected spraying expenditures during 2011. Finally, **EXHIBIT 4** to the Plan provides on a district-by-district basis the project total O&M expenditures during 2011.

As set out in more detail on **EXHIBITS 2-4** of this Plan, Kentucky Power projects that during 2011:

- Approximately 2,295 miles of distribution line will be maintained by manual trimming, mechanical trimming, and herbicide treatment.
- Herbicide will be applied to 1,204 miles covering approximately 2,006 acres with an O&M budget of over \$1.15 million.
- An estimated \$17.2 million will be spent on O&M for Distribution Vegetation Management, with \$15.6 million expected to be spent on planned maintenance, and \$1.6 million to be spent on unscheduled/reactive maintenance, as required.
- Kentucky Power will add 16 Asplundh crews (approximately 48 FTE's.)
 Kentucky Power also anticipates bidding out work on approximately 50 miles of circuit.
- In addition to expenses for current forestry staff, re-clearing, ground and aerial spraying of herbicides, additional activities of the plan include:
 - reactive maintenance
 - contract foresters
 - stump grinding programs
 - tree replacement programs
 - o an incentive program for Asplundh field personnel

Kentucky Power estimates it will take 7 years to perform a complete maintenance cycle of its distribution system and establish a 4-year cycle for its program. A complete inventory of all trees along distribution Rights-of-Way will not be made at this time. However, the Company will develop and maintain an inventory of "cycle-buster" trees as the program is moved to a 4-year cycle. (A cycle buster tree is one that has to be revisited before the circuit is due for its next cycle trim.)

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Vegetation management problems were identified as the primary cause of reliability problems for seven of the ten 2009 worst performing circuits. Therefore, the 2010 distribution vegetation management work addressed these reliability issues.

Kentucky Power will use reasonable and prudent efforts to adhere to and carry out this Work Plan. Unforeseen circumstances may cause some deviations from the plan. These include major storms or the newly discovered need to do vegetation management on a distribution circuit not in the plan, but which is experiencing reliability problems. The Company will inform the Commission of any such material deviation from its Plan.

2011 Kentucky Power Distribution Vegetation Management Plan

The 2011 Vegetation Management Plan will focus on Full-Circuit Reclearing. Reclearing work will be prioritized and scheduled based on past tree-related reliability performance, field inspection of the right-of-way conditions, and the number of customers impacted. Some reclearing will be performed on selected Feeder Breaker Zones and Recloser/Sectionalizer Zones that impact large numbers of customers. Mitigating tree-caused outages in these areas will provide the optimum impact on reducing SAIFI. Some line segments that have experienced repeated tree-caused outages in 2010 will also be included in the 2011 Plan. Approximately \$1,591,670 will be earmarked to address reactive reliability issues that develop throughout the year. This Unscheduled/Reactive funding represents about eight percent of the total Vegetation Management Budget.

Judicious use of herbicides is an important component of Kentucky Power's Vegetation Management Plan. ULV (Ultra Low Volume), high-volume foliar, basal, cut-surface, and aerial application techniques will be utilized depending on the brush conditions. The goal is to treat 2,006 acres of brush in 2011.

The 2011 Kentucky Power Distribution Management Plan projection for the three districts in its service territory is:

2011 KENTUCKY POWER DISTRIBUTION VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

AREA	PLANNED MILES	PLANNED SPRAY ACRES	UNSCHEDULED REACTIVE 0&M FUNDING	SCHEDULED O&M FUNDING	TOTAL O&M FUNDING
HAZARD	1,022	1,062	\$505,789	\$5,506,366	\$6,012,155
PIKEVILLE	833	619	\$761,301	\$6,475,797	\$7,237,098
ASHLAND	440	325	\$324,581	\$3,626,166	\$3,950,747
TOTALS	2,295	2,006	\$1,591,670	\$15,608,330	\$17,200,000

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PKV	371	619	\$350,000
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ASH	195	325	\$202,500
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